

Italian immigrants. Her parents instilled in her a strong sense of faith, family, hard work and community. She met and married the love of her life, State Representative and comedian, the late Robert Emmet Hagan, also from the Youngstown area. Together, they raised fourteen children, teaching them the values of hard work, dedication to family and giving to others—all by example.

Ahead of her time, Mrs. Hagan became a champion on behalf of social justice issues early on, and involved herself and her children in several activist movements, including the civil rights movement and worker's rights movement. Inspired by the Catholic worker's movement, Mrs. Hagan volunteered on behalf of unions and became involved in many social causes. She regularly marched with her young children down the main streets of Youngstown in support of fair housing, civil rights, peace and other causes. In addition, she volunteered her time and talents on behalf of those seeking public office, including her children. Her dedication to community service was life-long; at the age of 80, Mrs. Hagan led a group of friends and family in Washington, DC, in the Million Mom March to protest against guns.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mrs. Ada Marie Hagan, whose joyous life, framed by devotion to family, friends and service to community, will always be celebrated and remembered. I extend my deepest condolences to her children: Katie, Maggie, Jim, Tim, Bill, Bob, Jack, Chris, Anne, Elaine, Monica, Susan, Mary Therese and Jeff; to her 28 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and also to her extended family members and many friends. Mrs. Hagan's youthful spirit, great sense of humor, boundless energy and strong convictions inspired countless people of all ages and backgrounds, promoted positive change, and helped to lift our community and our nation into the light of human rights and social justice—and she will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, due to scheduling conflicts, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes Nos. 889, 890, and 891. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all three votes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, on the afternoon of December 11, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and failed to record my vote on rollcall vote 966. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on the Bachus substitute amendment to H.R. 4173.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
IDELL "SCOTTY" MILLER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of the beloved Idell "Scotty" Miller, devoted wife of the late John Miller; loving mother of John Jr. (deceased), Frank, Tyrone, Stanley, Czerny, and Linda; cherished grandmother of 17, devoted great-grandmother of 44, and loving great-great grandmother of 18; loving aunt and dear friend to many.

Mrs. Miller devoted her life to her faith. Her family was the foundation and joy of her life. She and Mr. Miller created a loving home to raise their children. She never missed the special events in the lives of her children and grandchildren and she would prepare wonderful family dinners for them. Mrs. Miller, also known for her wonderful laugh, great sense of humor and generous heart, lived life with great joy and love. She was a true matriarch within her family.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Mrs. Idell Miller, whose joyous spirit and love for others will exist forever within the hearts and memories of those who knew her best—her family and friends. I extend my deepest condolences to her family.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
RUTHE B. COWL REHABILITATION CENTER

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of the Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center serving Laredo, Texas, Webb County, and surrounding areas. This center is nationally renowned and serves a wide range of comprehensive services including physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, ideological assessment, counseling, and social services.

The late Mrs. Ruthe B. Cowl founded the Center in 1958 with a mission to establish a treatment center for people with disabilities of all kinds. Formerly known as the Laredo Rehabilitation Center, the Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center assists to the needs of disabled, physically challenged and handicapped individuals through a series of treatments and services. This grand initiative started on modest means of two small rooms of an old Health Department in 1959. Since 1966, the Center has continued to expand. The Center was renamed by Board Resolution to the Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center in 1970 to honor Mrs. Cowl for her tireless efforts for disabled services. Today, the Center stands as a beautiful, modern facility of nearly 33,000 square feet.

The Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center has been acclaimed at the State and National levels for being a pacesetter in the services provided in the area of rehabilitation. The Center is responsible for bringing many firsts to the Laredo and surrounding areas. The Center

plays a unique role in the community for achieving its mission to provide specialized services to those with birth defects, strokes, brain injuries, amputations, emotional problems and other physical conditions that impact quality of life. For 50 years, the Center has ensured that the certified, dedicated staff equipped with the best equipment and services are able to serve the community. The Center is a nonprofit organization which serves an average of 135 patients per day. It has provided millions of therapy visits to all in need regardless of the patient's ability to pay. The dedication, passion, and commitment that the Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center has provided for the past 50 years have been a great service to the community.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center. The Center is celebrating 50 years of service and continuing its mission to assist all disabled, handicapped and physically challenged individuals who deserve quality life and treatment. I thank you for this time.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Military Construction/VA, Department of Defense, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Riley, Kansas

Address of Requesting Entity: 500 Huebner Road, Fort Riley, KS 66442

Description of Request: Provide \$7,100,000 to upgrade the Estes Road access control point at Fort Riley, KS to a primary use gate, to include new guard booths for new entry and exit lanes, perimeter fencing, visitor's center, gatehouse with over-watch position, and additional road extensions for the intersections of Victory Drive, Armistead Road, and Kitty Drive.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
STEPHEN JOHN KOVACIK III

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Stephen John Kovacik III, beloved son, brother, uncle and friend. He lived with great joy and a passionate commitment to the arts, to his family and friends, and to issues of social justice.

Mr. Kovacik had an engaging personality. He was extremely well-read and could spark an interest and a smile from everyone he met. He followed politics, and he was a long-time supporter of progressive candidates and